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1. During 1953, USIA-controlled Waagner-Biro A.G., has produced 81 universal type 3/4 cubic meter scoop, diesel-powered steam shovels. The steam shovel is a copy of the Soviet model exhibited at the Vienna Trade Fair held in the fall of 1952.
2. In mid-June 1953, after 50 steam shovels had been completed, Waagner-Biro received orders to stop production after the completion of 75. However, in mid-July 1953, before work was started on the 75th steam shovel the order was rescinded and superseded by an order calling for continued unlimited production. At the present rate of production, approximately 120 steam shovels will be completed prior to the end of 1953.
3. A tentative production goal for 1954 has been set to produce 150 steam shovels of this type. More will be produced if possible.

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